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"THEY'RE ALL YOURS . . . Paul Loranger (left), outgoing Kiwanis Club president, tells incoming president, Chuck Ragsdale, on eve of the installation dinner as he hands to the new president some of the paraphernalia of the office. Ragsdale will be installed Saturday night at a banquet to be held at the Virginia Country Club.

Vincent Thomas Gets High Party Position

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who represents Torrance and the Harbor area in the California Legislature, was selected minority floor leader at a lower House Democrat party caucus in Sacramento Tuesday.

Thomas will succeed Assemblyman Julian Beck of San Fernando, as signal-caller for the outnumbered Democrats in the Assembly. The Republicans hold a 54 to 26 edge in members.

The veteran Democrat was selected at the hotly contested party caucus at which Assemblyman Donald McFall of Stockton, Bernard Brady of San Francisco, and Augustus Hawkins of Los Angeles were named to the Assembly Rules Committee.

Republican members of the committee will be Assemblymen Harold Levering of Santa Monica, Ralph Cloyd of Chula Vis-



ASSEMBLYMAN THOMAS . . . Handled the Reins

man of Salinas will be chairman and seventh member of the powerful committee.

Plans Readied To Enlarge New South Bay Court

Prediction of Judge John A. Shidler that the new South Bay Municipal Court, officially opened at 11 a.m. ceremonies Tuesday, may soon be inadequate to fill local judicial needs already has proved true, for the county engineer is now giving final check to plans to add to the building.

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby declared that if no correction of changes in the plans are necessary, it is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will call for bids around Feb. 1. If satisfactory bids are accepted, he said, construction should start in the early part of March.

Tells of Growth
In telling of the probable need for more space at Tuesday's dedication rites, Judge Shidler pointed to "the immense social problems" brought about by phenomenal growth in the South Bay area.

Judge Shidler and Judge Otto B. Willett, both of Torrance, who will preside over the newly opened court, were introduced by fellow members of the legal profession, Attorney Donald Armstrong, Torrance, and Auten Bush, Redondo Beach.

Asks Patience
Judge Willett called on local attorneys to be patient until the court is through its hectic first days.

In giving the new court a send-off, Judge Edward T. Bishop of Superior Court, Los Angeles, said: "The business of administering justice is one of the most important functions the state conducts."

The Los Angeles jurist presided over the dedication, under the sponsorship of the South Bay District Bar Association.

Attorney William E. McFaden, president of the Redondo Beach Bar Association, served as master of ceremonies for the rites. He was assisted by James Hall, his legal partner, who was in charge of arrangements for the affair. Hall, city attorney for Torrance, is also president of the Inglewood Bar Assn.

Real Estate Course to Open

A 10-week course entitled "Know Your Real Estate," will be offered by the Adult Education Class of the Torrance High School here beginning Feb. 17, it was announced yesterday.

The free adult course is designed to appeal to realtors, real estate salesmen, and others wishing to gain information concerning real estate.



JUDGES TAKE OVER . . . Superior Judge Edward T. Bishop, second from left, gives congratulatory handshakes to Judge Otto B. Willett, left, and Judge John A. Shidler, who will preside over the new South Bay Municipal Court, officially opened Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Attorney James Hall, right, of Torrance, was in charge of arrangements for the dedication ceremony.

Name Five To Probe For Facts

Sweeping aside all charges and counter claims regarding the annexation of Alondra Park, Mayor Mervin Schwab Monday created a five-man fact-finding commission and instructed them to go dig up the facts.

Named to the board were: Earle Lloyd, secretary to the Planning Commission, chairman, Darwin Parrish, chairman of the Recreation Commission.

Otto B. Kresse, a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Nick Draie, city councilman.

Willis Blount, city councilman.

Wants Facts
"I want to see the facts," the mayor said Tuesday, "I want to get to the bottom of this proposal."

A proposal that the city go on record as favoring the annexation of Alondra Park and the multi-million dollar El Camino College was offered at a recent council meeting by Councilman Nick Draie. His motion ended in a 2 to 2 deadlock, with Draie and Victor Benstead voting for the motion and Mayor Schwab and Blount voting against it.

In his letter to the five-man board Mayor Schwab said:

"There appears to be a difference of opinion among some citizens of Torrance on this subject, and I trust that the commission may in the near future be able to present the facts to the City Council. On any question of such magnitude as this I feel that we should have all the facts before we go on record one way or another."

TUT's Favor Annexation

Backing the move to annex the college, the huge park and golf course as well as undeveloped adjacent areas is the Torrance Unified Taxpayers headed by Frank Splover, president. The TUT organization claims that the City of Gardena is about to grab off the college and park, and recommends Torrance beat Gardena to the punch.

Among those opposing the move is the Board of Trustees of El Camino College which expressed the opinion that if Torrance annexes the college it would be detrimental to the institution. They claimed that were the college in Torrance, other communities now supporting the school with a pay-as-you-go tax levy might be reluctant

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EARLE LLOYD



NICK DRAIE



OTTO KRESSE



DARWIN PARRISH



WILLIS BLOUNT

Chapel To Push Move for Huge State Tax Cut

A move to cut the state budget by as much as \$100,000,000 was made in the opening sessions of the state legislature this week by Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel (R) whose district encompasses part of the City of Torrance.

The demand by Chapel for the huge cut came as the first challenge from the new legislature to Gov. Warren's administration and his 1953 program.

The assemblyman, who represents the residents of Hollywood Riviera and other voters along Torrance's ocean frontage, stated he would introduce a tax-reducing bill aimed at cutting taxes by more than \$100,000,000 a year. It would chop off one-half per cent of the present 3 per cent sales tax as well as lower personal, bank and corporation income taxes by 15 per cent.

Said Chapel: "I don't think the Republicans on the state or national level will be returned to office two years from now unless they at least hold the line on taxes."

The governor indicated he would submit his 1953-54 budget to the Legislature next week. He hinted that anything close to a \$100,000,000 loss in state revenue would "seriously cripple" existing state services.

Actually the governor has stated his budget will show some material increases.

Injured Boys, 16, Off Critical List

Allison Regains Sight; Bowen's Legs Fractured

Two Torrance High School boys who were hit and run over by a car as they attempted to settle an argument by fighting it out, were reported this week to be greatly improved and off the critical list.

Both boys, Jerry Allison, 16, of 17038 Glenburn Ave., and Robert Bowen, also 16, of 17416 Glenburn Ave., have fully regained consciousness and lie side by side at the Harbor General Hospital, where they were taken following the unusual accident New Year's Eve.

35 X-Rays Taken

Results of more than 35 X-rays taken of the Allison boy show he has a fractured back and may have to have a body cast if he fails to respond to present treatment. More than 20 stitches were required to close the cuts he suffered when hit by the car which was being driven by Earl C. Zwiebel, an employee of the Pacific Electric shops. Allison was unable to open his eyes for three days following the accident and unable to eat until last Sunday.

Bowen, who doctors said at one time would not live out the night, has recovered remarkably well in spite of the fact one leg is in traction gear, the other fractured and in a cast, and an arm in a cast.

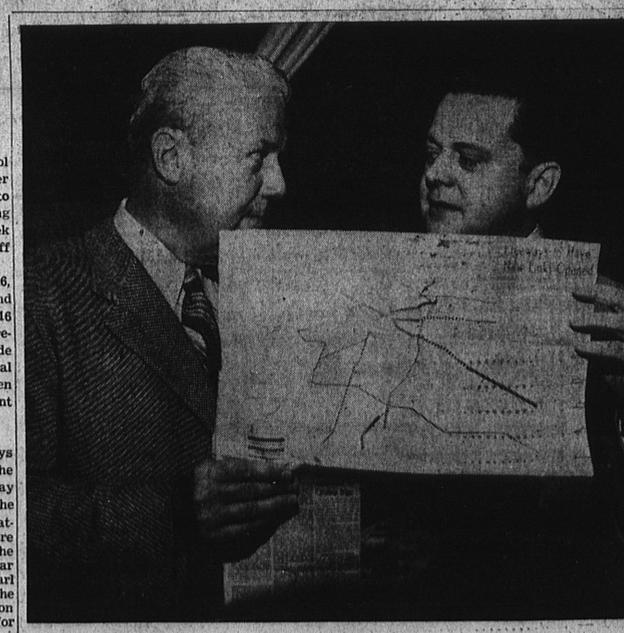
Thanks Donors

Mrs. Irene Allison, author of the "North Torrance Tattler," a column appearing weekly in this newspaper, expressed her appreciation to the many persons, known and unknown to her, who called offering to replace the 12 pints of blood the two boys required.

"The attitude of these people in offering to help make me feel that I never ever want to live anywhere but here in Torrance. They are wonderful," she said yesterday.

Long Time Pals

The two boys, long time pals and neighbors, were injured following a New Year's eve party. The two got into an argument over who was to drive. They decided to settle it in the time honored manner of fighting it out. They started scrapping in the beam of the headlights of Bowen's car, which he had stopped on Crenshaw Blvd. near 93rd St. They tumbled into the darkened street beyond the headlights and were struck by Zwiebel, on his way home from work. He stated he did not see the boys rolling in the street until it was too late to avoid striking them.



DISCUSS FREEWAYS . . . C. J. "Paddy" Ryan (left) retiring president of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, passes along to Howard J. Percy, the incoming president, what information he has picked up during his year of office about the development of freeways in this area. Ryan will surrender his title to Percy at an installation dinner at the YWCA tomorrow evening.

Court Clerk To Talk On Small Claims

Court Clerk Ernest W. Stout, clerk of the South Bay Municipal Court, will tell about Small Claims and how to handle them when he addresses the Torrance Rotary Club this evening.

Stout's appearance is sponsored by Judge John A. Shidler, judge of the South Bay Municipal Court. Stout has been with the Los Angeles Municipal Court for 26½ years and in Small Claims Division since 1936.

Chest Gets \$900 Check

Community Chest Drive in Torrance got a big lift this week when J. H. Kindelberger, chairman of the board of directors at North American Aviation, wrote a check for \$900 to the fund, representing the employees' contribution, Sam Levy, chairman of the campaign, reported.

Realty Board Slates Installation Rites

Realtor Howard J. Percy will take over the leadership of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board in ceremonies slated for the YWCA clubhouse, 2320 W. Carson St., tomorrow evening. He will succeed C. J. "Paddy" Ryan.

Percy, who heads the Howard J. Percy Investment Corp., of 2224 Torrance Blvd., was elected to succeed Ryan by secret ballot early in December. He has been a member of the Realty Board for five years and was on the board of directors last year. He has served as a member of the ethics and by-laws committees of the group.

Also to be installed tomorrow night are Edith Smith, who succeeds Gerald Alter, as vice president; and Percy Connett, who is to be re-installed as secretary-treasurer. To be on the 1953 board of directors are W. E. Bowen, Elmer H. Epperson, Gretchen Earle, H. V. Peterson, and Harry B. Bowker.

Howard Towle, regional vice president of the California Real Estate Assn., will serve as installing officer. Master of ceremonies will be W. E. Bowen.

and entertainment will be furnished by the Title Insurance and Trust Co.

Police to Issue Bike Licenses Next Friday

Bicycle licenses will be issued at the Torrance Police Station beginning next Friday, Jan. 16, it was announced yesterday by Chief of Police John H. Stroh.

Renewal fees for bicycles will be 25 cents, tabs for new bikes will cost the owner 50 cents. The bikes must be brought to the station for the license.

The licenses will be issued between 3 and 5 p.m. each Friday after Jan. 16 until further notice, Stroh said.